

AMENDMENTS OF THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification

At page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 30 as follows (deleted text appears struck through, *i.e.*, ~~struck through~~, and inserted text appears underlined, *i.e.*, underlined):

U.S. Patent No. ~~2,654,75~~ 2,654,756 to Homeyer *et al.* describes the reaction of codeine with aluminum tri(tert-butoxide) and methoxycyclohexanone in toluene to form codeinone, with yield of codeinone reported to be less than 50%.